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SUBJ: PROPOSED TERMINATION OF PEACE CORPS PROGRAM

REF: STATE 136875

1. IN JUNE 14 MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HAMID, PC DIRECTOR DELLENBACK DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF SECURITY FOR VOLUNTEERS. HE INDICATED HE WOULD BE DECIDING ON STATUS OF THE PC PROGRAM HERE AFTER RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. IN COURSE OF MEETING HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WAS THE SECURITY ISSUE RATHER THAN ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH CAUSED HIM CONCERN, AND THAT THE DECISION ON A FUTURE PROGRAM WOULD BE MADE BY PEACE CORPS RATHER THAN STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. HAMID EMPHASIZED THAT THE EPMG WANTS PCVS HERE AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL DO ITS BEST TO ARRANGE ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR ANY PCV WHO FINDS HIMSELF IN PHYSICAL DANGER. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE APPREHENSION FELT BY PCVS AND ASSURED DELLENBACK THAT THE EPMG HAS DONE NOTHING TO STIR UP ANTAGONISM AGAINST PCVS. HAMID ALSO SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH OF THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH PCVS ARE HELD BY ETHIOPIANS WHO KNOW THEM AND POINTED OUT THAT MANY ETHIOPIANS ARE NOW STUDYING IN THE U.S. AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR RESPECT FOR PCVS AND THEIR WORK HERE.

3. COMMENT. HAMID KNEW THAT PC/ETHIOPIA WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF THIS DISCUSSION AND IT IS LIKELY THAT HE CHECKED ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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